

INFORMATIONAL LETTER #2001-1

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TO: ALL MEDICARE CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: **REVISION OF STANDARD SURVEY DEFINITION**
FAX TRANSMISSION OF OASIS DATA

Enclosed are two documents that we received from the Health Care Financing Administration regarding:

- Fax Transmission of Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS); and,
- Revision of Medicare Standard Survey Definition

The revised survey process, regulations, and interpretive guidelines can be downloaded from the HCFA website at:

www.hcfa.gov/pubforms/transmit/R21SOM.pdf

Surveys conducted on or after January 29, 2001, will be completed using the revised definitions, process, and regulations.

If you have any questions about the enclosed information, you may contact Virginia Loper, R.N., Supervisor, Residential Community Care program at 208 / 334-6626.

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Enclosures

cc: Idaho Association of Home Health Agencies